

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of Cass, the rule was suspended, and bill read second time.

On motion of Mr. Duncan, rule further suspended, bill read third time, and passed by a two-thirds vote.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the bill for the relief of the Texas and New Orleans Railroad was taken up and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, rule suspended, bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Smith, rule further suspended, bill read third time, and passed by a two-third vote.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed—

Bill for relief of Washington County Railroad Company.

Mr. Mills offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the use of this hall is hereby tendered to the Convention, which is to reassemble in this city on the second day of March, 1861. Adopted.

Mr. Hartley offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of Ways and Means, of three members, be appointed to confer with a like committee of the Senate, whose duty it shall be to devise ways and means to meet the present obligations of the State, and such other expenditures as may be rendered necessary by the present exigencies of the State.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Hartley was added to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, referred to committee on Finance.

Mr. Wælder moved to take up Senate's bills on Speaker's table. Lost.

On motion, the House adjourned till ten o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Wednesday, February 6, 1861. }

The House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present. Journal of yesterday read, and adopted.

Mr. Armstrong, one of the committee on Public Lands, reported, recommending the passage of the bill providing for the return of fieldnotes of Surveys that have become forfeited.

Mr. Hancock, chairman of committee on Public Buildings, reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred Special Message of his Excellency, the Governor, submitting the Report of the Superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum, together with said report, instruct me to return the same to the House, and recommend that one thousand copies of said report be printed for the use of this House. Report adopted.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of Hays, the report was so amended as to make it read, "the one thousand copies to be printed for the use of the Superintendent of said Asylum," and adopted.

Mr. Bryan introduced a bill for the relief of the Trinity Valley Railroad Company. Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, rule suspended, bill read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, rule further suspended, bill read third time, and passed.

Mr. Davis, of Hays, introduced a bill to provide for the calling of a Convention of the people of the State of Texas. Read first time.

Mr. Shannon introduced a bill to appropriate money to pay minute men for service on the frontier. Read first time, and referred to committee on Finance.

Mr. Davis, of Hays, moved to suspend rule. Lost.

Mr. Wælder introduced a bill to repeal article 389a of Oldham and White's Digest. Read first time.

Mr. Wælder moved to suspend rule, to place bill on second reading. Lost.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had passed a bill to extend the time for the return of Pre-emption Field Notes.

Also, transmitting a message from the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The resolution relative to adjournment was taken up.

[Mr. Buckley in the chair.]

Mr. Baxter proposed to amend by striking out "Friday", and inserting "Monday". Declared out of order, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Davis, of Bastrop, moved to reconsider the vote.

Mr. Dickson moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Lost by the following vote;

Mr. Davis, of Bastrop, calling for the yeas and nays:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Bogart, Branch, Bryan, Buckley, Caddell, Camp, Craig, Crawford, Clark, Cumby, Dennis, Dickson, Duncan, Edwards, Foscue, Harrison of C., Hubert, Lewis of R., Lewter, Lynch, Maxey, Morris, Parker, Perry, Pirkey,

Redwine, Robinson, Ross, Shelton, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Walworth, Whitfield and Wortham—36.

NAYS—Messrs. Speaker, Armstrong, Baxter, Benevides, Billingsley, Crooks, Culberson, Dale, Davis of B., Davis of H., Dougherty, Epperson, Francis, Franklin, Hancock, Harrison of V. Z., Hartley, Haynes, Henderson, Hubbard, Lewis of M., Mabry, Manly, McKnight, Middleton, Mills, Mundine, Navarro, Nelson, Norton, Redgate, Shannon, Short, Taylor, Wælder, Warfield, Waterhouse, Whitmore and Wrede—39.

Mr. Baxter moved to postpone the further consideration of the question until eleven o'clock to-morrow. Lost. The question recurring on the motion to reconsider,

Mr. Mills called for the yeas and nays; and the motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Baxter, Benevides, Billingsley, Bogart, Caddell, Craig, Crooks, Culberson, Dale, Davis of B., Davis of H., Epperson, Francis, Franklin, Hancock, Hartley, Haynes, Henderson, Hubbard, Lewis of M., Lynch, Mabry, Manly, McKnight, Mills, Mundine, Navarro, Nelson, Norton, Redgate, Shannon, Taylor, Wælder, Waterhouse and Wrede—36.

NAYS—Messrs. Anderson, Branch, Bryan, Buckley, Camp, Crawford, Clark, Cumby, Dennis, Dickson, Duncan, Edwards, Foscue, Harrison of C., Harrison of V. Z., Hubert, Lewis of R., Lewter, Maxey, Morris, Middleton, Munson, Parker, Perry, Pirkey, Redwine, Robinson, Ross, Shelton, Short, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Walworth, Warfield, Whitfield, Whitmore and Wortham—38.

The following message from the Governor was taken from the Speaker's stand, and read:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
February 5, 1861. }

Gentlemen of the Senate

and House of Representatives :

In view of the contemplated speedy adjournment of the Legislature, the Executive would again call your attention to the embarrassed condition of the finances, and press upon your attention the importance of adopting such measures as will sustain the government during the present fiscal year.

In his message sent to your honorable body at the commencement of the present session, the Executive pressed this subject upon your attention, and in connection with it, the importance of providing for the defence of the frontier settlements. These were two of the three objects for which you were convened. The course of your legislation since that period, and the possibility of

a severance of the connection of Texas with the Federal Union, render it imperative that money should be raised to sustain the government so that in such a contingency the people of the State may be ready to meet any emergency that may come upon them.

The Executive in his message presented for your consideration the following figures, showing the probable receipts and disbursements of the present year:

Amount due for Rangers' pay and subsistence,	\$ 155,000 00
Interest warrants in circulation,	129,556 99
Defence of frontier,	500,000 00
Ordinary expenses of Government, (see Comptroller's Report for September 1, 1859,)	331,400 00
Amount due on outstanding debt,	50,000 00
Amount of debt of Republic, which will be called for,	10,000 00
Total,	<u>\$ 1,175,956 99</u>

The expenses of the present session of the Legislature are also to be provided for.

Total receipts to August 31, 1861, (see Comptroller's Report, September, 1859,)	\$ 343,344 27
Amount in Treasury subject to disbursement, January 19, 1861, (per Treasurer's Report,)	14,785 62
Total,	<u>\$ 358,129 89</u>

The above statement shows a deficiency on the 19th January, 1861, of \$817,827 10. The amount due Rangers alone for services rendered up to this period, amounts to at least \$300,000, and unless means are adopted to pay their claims in money, the same will depreciate, and no temporizing expedient can prevent that result. The Government must go on performing its functions, or anarchy will ensue, and to keep it in motion, money is necessary. The frontier must be defended, or the settlements must give way, and no matter what expedient may now be resorted to, both men and money must be had; and the Executive implores the Legislature not to wait until the call for men and money comes laden with the dying shrieks of women and children.

The Legislature may vouchsafe to the people of the frontier the privilege of protecting themselves at their own cost, depending upon promises to pay in the future; but such a policy will be found totally inadequate to the present emergency. Cash will be needed to purchase ammunition and supplies.

By the Treasurer's Report, received on Saturday, the 2d instant, it appears that there was then in the Treasury, subject to disbursement on account of State Revenue, \$5,279 69. The Legislature has already appropriated \$9,768 62 of the fund arising from University Land sales and \$17,313 30 of the fund accumulating from estates of deceased persons, for the per diem and mileage of its members, and it has only been by the use of these funds that the Treasury has been spared thus far from entire bankruptcy: The amount on hand will be exhausted before the termination of the present week, when there must be a suspension of specie payments altogether.

The revenue estimated to come in on July 1, (\$343,344 27,) will be much reduced from the fact that the Comptroller has been and is now drawing advance drafts on the various assessors and collectors, to meet appropriations. It is also well known that the assessments for the present year have been suspended by order of the Comptroller. Property, in the meantime, has been steadily decreasing in value, and parties will not be willing to have the same assessed at any more than it will bring in the market at the time of assessment. This depreciation in value will be so great, that, at the present rate of taxation, not more than half the amount estimated will be collected.

The ordinary expenses of government, about \$30,000 per month, are to be met until the taxes come in. The officers, many of whom are dependent upon their salaries for the support of themselves and families, should be punctually paid; but even if they wait until the taxes come in, the treasury will then be without a dollar to pay the expenses of the next twelve months. The necessity for the adoption of measures whereby the treasury may be replenished, must therefore be apparent.

Without considering the possible contingency, arising from a change in our federal relations, means must be provided to meet the deficiency of \$817,827 10 mentioned above. But should Texas withdraw from the Union, a new condition of things will arise, which will require large expenditures. In view of the possibility of such a contingency happening at as early a period as the second of March, the Legislature cannot fail to see the necessity of making such provisions as will secure the safety of the State and maintain its honor. Steps should be taken to provide an adequate force, to take the place of the 3000 federal troops now in Texas. The safety of our frontier depends upon the action of your honorable body in this respect. A few days of delay may involve the most terrible consequences. Not only the Rio Grande frontier, but also our whole line of settlements,

demand the continual presence of a force sufficient to intimidate our enemies from invading us in large bodies, and it will be the part of wisdom to guard now against the consequences of the removal of such a force. The expense will be millions; but the lives of our people are worth more. Nor is this all. If we do not defend the outposts of civilization, the frontier must recede until we have it at our very doors. We must also provide for the continuation of our postal service, so that our people may not be deprived of communication with the world without. If we are to become independent of the Federal Government, let us at once act a manly and self-reliant part. Let not Texas be subjected to the humiliation of dependence on a government which she has thrown off. If we are to separate, let us have the means provided for taking care of ourselves, and from the date of our separation protect our people with our own army, carry our own mails, and sustain ourselves as an independent people should. The Executive has that confidence in the people of Texas, to believe that if their minds are resolved on separation they will furnish, if in their power, the millions necessary to maintain that new position.

The Executive relies upon the wisdom of the Legislature to devise the ways and means to sustain the government, and he cannot but press upon the consideration of the Legislature, (a large majority of whom regard disunion as a fixed fact,) the importance of providing against that contingency.

He has now performed his whole duty. If the Legislature provides the means to maintain the public faith, to defend the frontier, and sustain the government in all its departments. The Executive, faithful to the trust reposed in him by the people, will see to it, so far as his powers will permit, that the honor and interests of Texas do not suffer at his hands. If these be unprovided for, and the government is left in its present condition, he will feel that this last appeal to the wisdom, justice and patriotism of your honorable body, will justify him to the world should his endeavors to care for the interests of the people, be fruitless.

SAM HOUSTON.

On motion of Mr. Wælder referred to Finance committee.

On motion of Mr. Mabry, one thousand copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Wælder, the following Senate's bills were taken up and disposed of, as indicated:

Senate's bill to require the Comptroller and Treasurer to re-

ceive treasury warrants in payment of certain land dues, was taken up, and,

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the House adhered to its amendments.

Senate's bill for the relief of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company was taken up, read first time, and passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Craig, the rule further suspended, bill read third time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Craig, the rule further suspended, bill read third time, and passed by a two-third vote.

Senate's bill to reorganize the Seventeenth Judicial District, and define the time of holding courts therein, taken up, and read first time.

Mr. Wælder moved to suspend rule, and place bill on second reading. Carried. Bill read second time, and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wælder, the rule further suspended. Bill read third time, and passed.

Senate's bill to reorganize the Eighth and Twentieth Judicial Districts, and to define times of holding courts therein, taken up, and read first time.

[Mr. Henderson in the chair.]

On motion of Mr. Bogart, the rule was suspended, and the bill placed on second reading.

Mr. Shelton moved to refer the bill to a select committee. Lost, and bill passed to a third reading.

Mr. Bogart moved to further suspend rule. Lost.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had appointed Senators Throckmorton, Quinan and Gentry, a committee of conference on the bill to require the Comptroller and Treasurer to receive treasury warrants in payment for certain dues, and asked for a like committee on the part of the House. Bill taken up, and

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Nelson, Shannon, Harrison of Van Zandt, Davis of Bastrop, and Morris, a committee on the part of the House.

Senate's bill to change the name of county seat of Hidalgo county taken up, and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Walworth, rule suspended, bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Walworth, rule further suspended, bill read third time, and passed.

Senate's bill to amend Eighth Section of the act to Incorporate

rate the Eastern Texas Railroad Company, passed by the Eighth Legislature of the State of Texas. Taken up, and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Morris, rule suspended, bill read second time, and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Morris, rule further suspended, bill read third time, and passed by a two-third vote.

Mr. Clark, one of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed—

A bill amendatory and supplemental of an act to incorporate the Memphis El Paso and Pacific Railroad Company, approved February 4, 1856, and an act amendatory thereto, approved August 25, 1856, and an act amendatory thereto, approved February 10, 1858.

Also, a bill for the relief of the Trinity Valley Railroad Company.

On motion, the House adjourned until three o'clock, this evening.

3 o'CLOCK, P. M.

House met—quorum present.

A message was received from the Governor, with the request that when it was read it should be transmitted to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the message was taken up and read:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
AUSTIN, Texas, February 6, 1861. }

Gentlemen of the Senate

and House of Representatives:

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit to your honorable body certain ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Conventions of Louisiana and Georgia, and commend the same to your consideration.

SAM. HOUSTON.

Ordered to be transmitted to the Senate.

Mr. Stewart, by permission, as chairman of the committee on Finance, reported a bill authorizing the issuance of treasury warrants, receivable for taxes and government dues. Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, the rule was suspended, and the bill read second time.

Mr. Davis, of Bastrop, proposed to amend by striking out "taxes" wherever it appears in the bill.

Mr. Duncan moved to lay the amendment on the table. Carried, by the following vote; Mr. Davis, of Bastrop, calling for the yeas and nays:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Billingsly, Caddell, Craig, Crooks, Clark, Davis of H., Dickson, Duncan, Edwards, Francis, Franklin, Hancock, Hall, Harrison of C., Harrison of V. Z., Lynch, Morris, Middleton, Munson, Navarro, Nelson, Parker, Perry, Pirkey, Redgate, Redwine, Robinson, Ross, Shelton, Short, Warfield, Waterhouse, Whitfield and Wortham—35.

NAYS—Messrs. Branch, Buckley, Camp, Culberson, Dale, Davis of B., Dennis, Epperson, Foscue, Houghton, Hubbard, Lewis of R., Lewter, Mabry, Maxey, McKnight, Mills, Shannon, Short, Smith, Speights, Taylor, Wælder, Whitmore, and Wrede—25.

The question recurring on the engrossment of the bill, Mr. Mabry called for the yeas and nays, and the House ordered the bill to be engrossed, by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Baxter, Buckley, Camp, Crawford, Crooks, Cumby, Dennis, Duncan, Edwards, Francis, Hancock, Harrison of C., Harrison of V. Z., Lewis of M., Lewter, Manly, Morris, Middleton, Mills, Munson, Nelson, Parker, Perry, Pirkey, Redwine, Robinson, Ross, Shannon, Shelton, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Wælder, Warfield, Waterhouse, Whitfield and Wortham—38.

NAYS—Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Billingsly, Branch, Bryan, Caddell, Craig, Culberson, Dale, Davis of B., Davis of H., Dickson, Epperson, Franklin, Foscue, Henry, Houghton, Hubbard, Lewis of R., Lynch, Owens, Redgate, Short, Taylor and Whitmore—25.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote; Mr. Mabry calling for the yeas and nays:

YEAS:—Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Armstrong, Baxter, Branch, Buckley, Camp, Crawford, Crooks, Cumby, Dennis, Duncan, Francis, Hancock, Hall, Harrison of C., Harrison of V. Z., Hubert, Lewis of R., Lynch, Manly, Morris, Middleton, Mills, Munson, Nelson, Owens, Parker, Perry, Pirkey, Redwine, Robinson, Ross, Shannon, Shelton, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Wælder, Warfield, Waterhouse, Whitfield, Wortham and Wrede—44.

NAYS—Messrs. Bryan, Caddell, Craig, Culberson, Dale, Davis of B., Davis of H., Dickson, Epperson, Franklin, Foscue,

Henry, Houghton, Hubbard, Lewter, Mabry, Maxey, Mundine, Redgate, Short and Whitmore—21.

Mr. Stewart, chairman of committee on Finance, reported a bill authorizing the issuance and sale of State bonds in case of Invasion, or for Frontier Protection, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, the rule was suspended and bill read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Foscue, all after "frontier", in the first section, was struck out.

Mr. Dickson moved to strike out "ten per cent" wherever it occurs, and insert "six per cent."

A division of the question being called for, the words "ten per cent." were struck out.

The question recurring upon filling the blank with "six per cent.", the same was put and carried.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, the blank in the bill was filled with the words "the Governor of the State."

On motion of Mr. Stewart, "one fourth" was struck out, and "one fifth" inserted.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, "annually" was struck out, and "semi-annually" inserted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Buckley, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Senate's bill to extend the time for the return of Preemption Field Notes, taken up, and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Culberson, the rule was suspended, bill read second time, and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Shannon, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, of R., the report from committee on Judiciary, reporting a substitute for the stay bill, was taken up and read second time.

Mr. Epperson offered a substitute for all the bills after the caption.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the further consideration of the bill was postponed, and made the special order for to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

Mr. Mabry moved to reconsider the vote postponing the bill. Carried.

Mr. Crooks moved to adjourn till half-past nine o'clock, A. M. to-morrow. Lost.

On motion, the House adjourned till seven o'clock, P. M.

7 o'clock, P. M.

House met—roll called—quorum present.

The bill and proposed substitute pending when the House adjourned was taken up.

Mr. Franklin offered an amendment for the substitute, as follows:

Strike out all of the substitute offered after the enacting clause, and insert:

"That the contracts heretofore made, or hereafter entered into, shall be paid off and discharged in accordance with the terms of the contract agreed between the parties, and in all cases where the courts have been or may be appealed to, the judgments of the courts shall be carried into effect in conformity to the laws existing at the time of the contract."

On motion of Mr. Buckley, the amendment to the substitute was laid on the table by the following vote; Mr. Franklin calling for the yeas and nays:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Armstrong, Baxter, Billingsly, Buckley, Caddell, Craig, Crawford, Crooks, Clark, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Dickson, Duncan, Edwards, Epperson, Francis, Harrison of V. Z., Houghton, Hubbard, Hubert, Lewis of R., Lewter, Lynch, Mabry, Maxey, Morris, Munson, Navarro, Nelson, Norton, Parker, Perry, Redwine, Robinson, Speights, Stewart, Walworth, Warfield, Waterhouse, Whitfield and Wrede—43.

NAYS—Messrs. Anderson, Branch, Bryan, Davis of H., Dennis, Franklin, Foscoe, Hancock, Haynes, Henderson, Manly, Pirkey, Redgate, Ross, Shelton, Short, Smith, and Wortham—18.

And the substitute was adopted.

Mr. Henderson proposed to amend as follows:

"Provided, that the provisions of this bill shall only apply to judgments hereafter to be obtained.

Mr. Epperson moved to lay the amendment on the table. Carried by the following vote; Mr. Henderson calling for the yeas and nays:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Armstrong, Baxter, Billingsly, Bryan, Buckley, Caddell, Craig, Crawford, Crooks, Clark, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Duncan, Edwards, Epperson, Francis, Hall, Henry, Houghton, Hubbard, Hubert, Lewis of R., Lewter, Lynch, Mabry, Maxey, Morris, Mills, Munson, Navarro, Nelson, Norton, Parker, Perry, Redwine, Robinson, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Wælder, Walworth, Waterhouse and Wrede—45.

NAYS—Messrs. Anderson, Davis of H., Dennis, Dickson, Franklin, Hancock, Harrison of V. Z., Haynes, Henderson,

Manly, Pirkey, Redgate, Ross, Shelton, Short, Warfield and Wortham—17.

Mr. Henderson proposed to amend as follows:

"Provided, all judgments stayed under the provisions of this bill shall bear interest at the rate of twelve per cent. from the time such judgment shall be stayed."

Rejected by the following vote; Mr. Henderson calling for the yeas and nays:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Hancock, Haynes, Henderson, Manly, Maxey, Mills, Navarro, Redgate, Robinson, Short, Stewart, Wælder and Wrede—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Speaker, Armstrong, Baxter, Billingsly, Branch, Bryan, Buckley, Caddell, Craig, Crawford, Crooks, Clark, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Davis of H., Dennis, Duncan, Edwards, Epperson, Francis, Franklin, Foscue, Hall, Harrison of V. Z., Henry, Houghton, Hubbard, Hubert, Lewis of R., Lewter, Lynch, Mabry, Morris, Munson, Nelson, Norton, Parker, Perry, Pirkey, Redwine, Robinson, Shelton, Speights, Walworth, Warfield, Waterhouse, Whitfield and Wortham—50.

Message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had passed

House bill, granting and extending time for completion of the Washington County Railroad Company, and

Senate bill, supplemental for the relief of Myrum Mudgett, D. Kitchings, A. L. Spencer and E. G. Cantwell, approved February 8, 1860; and

Bill prescribing the order of determining cases in the Supreme Court; also,

A bill to incorporate the Uvalde Irrigation Company; and

Bill to amend section 136 of act pertaining to estates of deceased persons.

Mr. Mills moved to strike out the "first day of July, 1862," and insert "last day of December, 1861." Withdrawn.

Mr. Stewart proposed to amend as follows:

In sixth line, section 3, strike out "levied." Adopted.

Mr. Davis, of Hays, moved to amend by striking out the repealing clause. Lost.

Mr. Wælder moved to strike out "repealed", and insert "suspended till this act by its own limitation expires." Carried.

Mr. Buckley moved to amend by adding, "that this act go into effect from and after its passage. Carried, and the bill ordered to be engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Baxter, Bryan, Buckley, Caddell, Craig, Crawford, Clark, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Dickson, Duncan,

Epperson, Francis, Hubbard, Hubert, Lewis of R., Lewter, Lynch, Morris, Munson, Navarro, Nelson, Parker, Perry, Redwine, Robinson, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Warfield and Waterhouse—32.

YAYS—Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Armstrong, Billingsly, Branch, Davis of H., Dennis, Edwards, Eranklin, Foscue, Hancock, Hall, Harrison of V. Z., Haynes, Henderson, Henry, Houghton, Mabry, Manly, Pirkey, Redgate, Ross, Shelton, Short, Wælder, Walworth, Whitfield, Wortham and Wrede—29.

Mr. Nelson, as chairman of committee of Conference on part of the House on the bill to require the Comptroller and Treasurer to receive treasury warrants in payment for certain land dues, reported, recommending that the caption be amended as follows:

“Bill authorizing treasury warrants to be received in payment of certain dues”, and to amend by adding three sections.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the rule was suspended and report adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dickson, the Senate's bill prescribing the order of determining cases in the Supreme Court, was taken up and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Dickson, rule suspended, bill read second time, and passed to third reading.

Mr. Hubbard moved to suspend rule, and place bill on final reading. Lost.

Report of committee on Finance, recommending amendments to Senate's bill making appropriation to pay for supplies furnished the troops now on the frontier, was taken up.

Mr. Ross moved to adjourn till half-past nine o'clock, A. M. to-morrow. Lost.

Mr. Hubert moved to adjourn till ten o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Lost.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the amendment proposed by the committee for the bill before the House was laid on the table, and the bill passed to a third reading.

Mr. Wælder moved to suspend the rule. Carried by the following vote; Mr. Cumby calling for the yeas and nays:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Baxter, Billingsly, Bryan, Buckley, Craig, Clark, Culberson, Cumby, Davis of H., Dennis, Dickson, Duncan, Epperson, Hancock, Hall, Harrison of V. Z., Haynes, Henderson, Henry, Houghton, Hubbard, Lewis of R., Lewter, Lynch, Mabry, Manly, Maxey, Morris, Middleton, Mills, Munson, Nelson, Norton, Owens, Parker, Perry, Redgate, Robinson,

Ross, Shelton, Short, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Wælder, Walworth, Warfield, Whitfield, Wortham and Wrede—52.

NAYS—Messrs. Caddell, Dale, Francis, Franklin, Foscue, Navarro, Redwine and Waterhouse—8.

Bill read third time, and passed.

On motion, the House adjourned till half-past nine o'clock, A. M. to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Thursday, Feb., 7th, 1861. }

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed, a bill to authorize the county courts of Upshur, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Jackson, Calhoun, El Paso, Jasper, Newton, Atascosa, Austin, Fort Bend, Madison, Hays, Blanco, San Augustine, Sabine, Grimes, Limestone, Orange, Harden, Jefferson and Leon counties, to regulate the pay of sheriffs therein in certain cases.

Mr. Stewart, chairman of committee on Finance, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill to provide payment of the expenses incurred by special bearer of dispatches sent by the Governor to Washington city, with the following amendments by the committee :

Amendments : In the second line of first section, strike out, the word "mileage," and insert "\$600."

Also, strike out the fourth line in said section, and insert, "which sum shall be in full payment of all mileage, expenses and services of said bearer of dispatches."

Also, strike out the fifth and sixth lines in said section.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, the rule was suspended, report taken up and amendments adopted, and bill passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Davis, one of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as follows :

TO THE HON. M. D. K. TAYLOR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

The joint committee on Enrolled Bills, have examined a bill, entitled "an act to amend the tenth section of an act supplementary of an act supplementary and amendatory of an act to regulate railroad companies in the State."